



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

BIENHAUS *et al.*

Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/558,038

Examiner: Gary BENZION

Filed: April 26, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-00001

For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 17, 2005

Dear Sir:

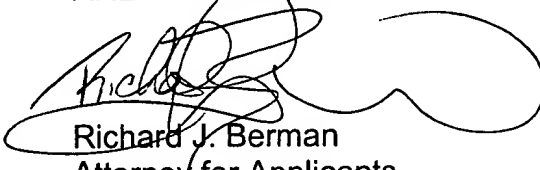
The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application.

The Issue Fee was paid on April 3, 2004, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and we have not received the Letters Patent.

In the event any fees are required with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Docket No. 101614.00001.

Respectfully submitted,

ARENT FOX PLLC


Richard J. Berman
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 39,107

1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20036-5339
Telephone: (202) 857-6000

RJB/pdc